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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the patent application filed herewith:

## In the Specification

On page 1, line 7, please substitute the following paragraph under the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications:"

This application claims priority from provisional application US 60/326,030 titled "SYSTEM FOR AWARDED A BONUS TO A GAMING DEVICE ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK" filed September 28, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part from US Patent Application No. 10/256,949 "SYSTEM FOR AWARDED A BONUS TO A GAMING DEVICE ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK" filed September 27, 2002, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein for all purposes.

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